

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for producing medicaments in the form of a coated tablet comprising vardenafil hydrochloride trihydrate and one or more excipients in solid form, said method comprising the steps of
 - a) ~~employing~~ providing a tablet containing vardenafil hydrochloride with any water content plus one or more excipients for producing the medicament;
 - b) ~~converting~~ treating said tablet with a moistened gas for sufficient time to convert at least 90 mol% of the vardenafil hydrochloride substantially into the trihydrate form at an intermediate processing stage or in the final product; and
 - c) coating said tablet.
2. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of coating ~~characterized in that the coated tablets are produced as medicament is carried out before said treating step.~~
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~3~~ 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein air is employed as the moistened gas.
5. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claims ~~3 or 4~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the moistened gas employed has a relative humidity of from 35% to 100%.
6. (Withdrawn) A medicament obtainable by the method as claimed in claim 1.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Withdrawn-currently amended) A medicament as claimed in claim 6 for the treatment ~~and/or prophylaxis~~ of sexual dysfunctions.

9. (Withdrawn-currently amended) A medicament as claimed in claim 6 for the treatment ~~and/or prophylaxis~~ of erectile dysfunction.
10. (Withdrawn-currently amended) A method for the treatment ~~and/or prophylaxis~~ of erectile dysfunction comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of the medicament of claim 6.
11. – 13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently amended) A method for the treatment ~~and/or prophylaxis~~ of erectile dysfunction comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of the coated tablet made by the method of claim 7 1.
15. (Currently amended) A method for the treatment ~~and/or prophylaxis~~ of sexual dysfunctions comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of the coated tablet made by the method of claim 7 1.
16. (Withdrawn-currently amended) A method for the treatment ~~and/or prophylaxis~~ of sexual dysfunction comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of the medicament of claim 6.
17. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the moistened gas has a relative humidity of from 50% to 99%.
18. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein said tablet is treated with the moistened gas for from 0.5 hours to 6 months.
19. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein said tablet is treated with the moistened gas at temperatures of 16 to 30 °C.